

Notes and Observations

LICINUS DEPRESSUS PAYKULL (COL.: CARABIDAE) IN SUFFOLK. — In view of the general scarcity of published records of this *Licinus* from Suffolk, it would seem of value to provide a summary of those known to me, together with details of a few probably unpublished ones.

Claude Morley (1899, *Coleoptera of Suffolk*, p.4) repeats the record from Stephens' "Illustrations" (1827-35) — a single specimen at Aldeburgh by the Rev. F. W. Hope in 1824, and refers to a single specimen on Thetford Warren (no date given) and one on Lakenheath Station Road in September, 1896. The latter Breck captures, made on a joint collecting trip by Morley and E. A. Elliott, had earlier been recorded by Morley (1897, *Entomologist's mon. Mag.*, p.9) in words which, in my opinion, are liable to misinterpretation. Morley stated there that the *Licinus* occurred "very sparingly from Thetford to Lakenheath, under stones and upon the roads — upon the heath and in the fen — and never near chalk". This would lead one to assume that more than two examples were observed which was plainly not the case, as study of Morley's collection and annotated "Col. of Suffolk" and diaries shows. There are only three Suffolk examples in Morley's collection with data as follows: "17.ix.96 Thetford Warren/Brandon District"; "26.ix.96 Brandon District"; "3.v.1923 Chalk Pit, Freckenham". The first two of these are presumably the specimens referred to in his 1899 work, and the data labels bear his initials. Morley's annotated copy of his "Col. of Suffolk" contains details of these singletons and yields only the following additional records: Brandon — one in August 1903 by Jennings, and Aldeburgh in 1912 by Dr. Nicholson (no details of numbers provided). Had Elliott taken specimens, Morley would almost certainly have recorded details of these as well. There are no Suffolk examples in the Doughty collection. The beetle was later recorded by Donisthorpe from roots of Mullein at Barton Mills on September 8th, 1917 (1918, *Ent. Rec.* p.29). I am unaware of any other published records of the species in Suffolk, and my friend Mr. C. S. Barham has never encountered it.

I have only taken a single example — under a stone on the beach/dunes at Thorpeness, near Aldeburgh TM 4759) on September 25th, 1976. This provides interesting confirmation of Stephens' old record and also that of Nicholson.

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